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WUCHOW MISSIONARIES' EXPERIENCE.

LEAVE WITH DIFFICULTY.

Passage to Shore Cut Off.

An organised attempt by the strike pickets and others in Wuchow to obtain possession of the very fine hospital and school buildings there, run by the American Baptist Mission, was described in a "China Mail" representative this morning by Mr. Rex Ray, who has been in charge in Wuchow and who arrived in Hongkong yesterday by the s.s. "Lungshan."

Life at Wuchow had become so impossible under the conditions precipitated by the strike pickets and the lack of protection by the police and military, that the schools and hospitals have had to be closed down. Mr. Ray thinks, however, that the mission has defeated the ends of the pickets, which he is convinced were that the hospital and staff should be taken over and run under Chinese administration.

Demands had, in fact, been presented to the hospital and school staff on March 23 that they should sign an agreement handing over all the property to a representative Chinese committee and on being met with refusal one of the leaders amongst the Chinese entered the hospital and stated that from that time all the funds of the hospital were to be turned over to him. The commode was told that if he failed to comply he would be put to death. The intruder was removed but it was apparent that the movement was well organised and fairly widespread and that the mission would get no support from the police or military who stated openly that all they would afford was a safe transport from Wuchow to the mission staff.

An attempt was made to seize the girls' school but this also was defeated and it became apparent that there was nothing to do but to leave. Determined that the hospital and schools should not fall into the hands of the pickets and others who had set themselves out to make of it an entirely Chinese concern, arrangements were made by which the whole of the buildings were locked and sealed with the American seal.

Pole Vaulting.

The escape of the mission staff was made under difficulties. "All day long as we worked," stated Mr. Ray, a howling, cursing mob did all they could to interfere and annoy. In spite of assurances of police and military facilities for our departure, no labour for removal of the baggage was forthcoming. What is more, the mob were allowed to tear down the elevated tram way that leads from the shore to the Sai Hing Company's floating pier where we were taking the baggage and from where the boat to Canton puts in. As I was on the pier at the time, together with Mr. Lang, we had to jump into the water, which was waist high, and wade ashore. I used a pole to vault over the deeper part."

"During the last day, whilst the staff was moving the baggage out, some of the mob were throwing brick bats and knocking out the front windows of the dispensary of the hospital," continued Mr. Ray. "As this and the jeering was going on, one of the pickets said to them 'Don't keep on destroying the property as it will all be ours in a few days.'"

Mr. Ray is convinced, however, that the action of sealing up the locks with the American seal will effectively check any such action. The U.S.S. "Pampanga" is standing by.

Origin Of Trouble.

The trouble between the mission and the strike pickets dates back to the latter part of 1924 when it was discovered that a former teacher was making use of the Mission's book store to spread Bolshevist doctrines, also to August, 1925 when the book store was found to be filled with hideous cartoons on the Shamen affair of June 23. These were torn down and the store closed and this was the beginning of the trouble.

Mr. Ray, to whom we are indebted for the above statement of the facts, is the missionary who two years ago was captured by

LADY INSULTED.

A COOLIE'S TRUCULENT BEHAVIOUR.

BATTERY PATH INCIDENT.

A street sweeper was charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning with behaving in a disorderly manner and using insulting language at Mrs. F. Thompson, of 20, Humphreys Building, Kowloon, at Battery Path yesterday morning.

In evidence Mrs. Thompson stated that she was going to church in a sedan chair when the coolie obstructed the way and pushed the leading chair coolie, nearly upsetting the chair. Witnesses then asked the accused to get out of the way and he used a bad expression in Chinese which she understood. Witness corrected a statement made by accused that the words complained of were used to the chair coolie by stating that the abuse was undoubtedly meant for her, as the words were applicable to a woman.

A fine of \$25, or one month's hard labour, was imposed.

SOVIET COMMERCE.

DEPRECIATION OF THE CHERVONETZ.

"MERELY TEMPORARY."

(Reuter's Service.)

Riga, April 4. The depreciation of the chervonetz is causing alarm in Soviet commercial circles.

The Soviet Press has now published statements made by M. Kalinin, President of the Central Executive Committee in February, when the depreciation was only ten per cent, and M. Briukhnoff, Commissar of Finance, who is endeavouring to quell the alarm, pointing out that the depreciation is merely temporary.

Nevertheless the authorities are contemplating further restrictions on imports and increased duties on postal parcels and luggage from abroad.

M. Cheka has initiated a campaign against rising prices and many private traders have been arrested in Moscow.

[The chervonetz is worth 10 roubles gold or £1 2/3 sterling.]

RACIAL FEUDS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Calcutta, April 3.

The rioting outside a mosque was of a religious nature between Hindus and Moslems.

Calcutta, April 3.

Twelve were killed and hundreds injured in a widespread recrudescence of Hindu-Muslim disturbances to-day. Many shops were looted and several mosques and temples desecrated. Police and military were brought up, and now control the situation. Traffic has been restored.

Further Outbreak.

Calcutta, April 4.

There was further sporadic fighting to-day. Twenty-two of the injured people were taken to hospital.

A number of Mahomedan shops were looted.

Moslems objected to the passage of a procession. In the subsequent riot, many were killed and injured, included in the latter being the Deputy Commissioner of Police and a European sergeant.

A sum of \$480 is reported to have been stolen from Staff Sergeant W. Walker from his quarters at the Victoria Barracks.

An armed robbery reported recently as having occurred at Wing Fung Street has, on investigation, proved to be a simple case of theft. The stolen property was recovered by the police.

For behaving in a drunk and disorderly manner at Praya East, an Indian named E. M. Alaraka was fined \$5 by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Kwong Sai bandits and eventually regained his liberty after suffering considerable hardships.

PEACE TALK.

CANTON CURRENT GOSSIP ON BOYCOTT.

SETTLEMENT RUMOURS.

How even "in the tea-houses and restaurants" everybody in Canton is daily discussing the settlement of the boycott is related by a Japanese correspondent who came down to Hongkong on the "Lungshan" yesterday.

Speaking to the representative of a vernacular paper, the correspondent said that he had in a private capacity interviewed Mr. So Shu-ching (chairman of the Boycott and Strike Committee). Mr. So is quoted as having replied to the effect that the Political Commission of Government has already held one meeting when instructions were given to the workmen to bring about a quick settlement. Further than that, and as to what had been done, Mr. So would not say, added the correspondent, but Mr. So said that something would be known before long. The correspondent also said that the Canton public was hopeful and that there were persistent rumours of an early resumption of communication between Hongkong and Canton.

A local business man who came down on the same steamer is reported to have seen Mr. Luk King-to (who took a large part in the settlement of the 1922 seamen's strike), but had nothing to say beyond the lack of reference in the Canton press to negotiations.

Another report says that the factories in Canton for the use of the strikers will be shortly removed to Whampoa.

As is well known, buildings were requisitioned at the beginning of the strike for the use of strikers. The report indicates that people have falsely represented themselves to be strikers. To prevent malfeasance, a large matchless will be built at Whampoa where strikers will be able to get their meals. The cost has been approved at about \$40,000 and the building will be ready shortly.

ALLEGED ASSAULT.

SURREYS PRIVATE AND A COOLIE.

CONFLICTING EVIDENCE.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, Private E. Wald, East Surrey Regiment, pleaded not guilty to a charge of assaulting a coolie at the Seamen's Institute along with two others not in custody.

Complainant stated in evidence that he was sweeping the main entrance to the building on Saturday afternoon when the accused, wearing plain clothes, kicked his broom. He remonstrated and the broom was snatched away from his hand. Accused and two others in uniform then assaulted him and escaped in a tram car. Witness gave chase and had the accused arrested by the traffic constable at Arsenal Street.

A boatman called as a witness by the complainant stated that he saw a Chinese being assaulted by three Europeans all dressed in khaki. Witness repeated that he was quite certain about the clothing.

Accused was discharged.

"Jacko," the pet money belonging to Mr. MacRynolds which escaped on Tuesday and bit Mrs. C. E. Warren of No. 19, Broadwood Road, was recaptured by the Chinese boys of the Indian Recreation Club after a chase on the hillside above Sookumpoo Valley.

Mr. F. W. Fraser, C.B.E., became Officer Administering the Government of North Borneo (following the death of the Governor, H.E. Mr. A. C. Pearson, C.M.G., at Jesselton on March 15), with effect from the same date, according to an official gazette extraordinary, just to hand by mail.

A tragedy of the bath-singing habit (gent unable to turn off tap), "Good heavens! didn't you hear me screaming?" Turn of the water from the main "There now" An "I thought you was singing" about the Spanish Main

TURFING TALK.

LOCAL EXPERTS' "DO'S AND DON'T'S"

LITTLE KNOWN INDUSTRY.

Weather vagaries in Hongkong have a great bearing on the turf requirements of the various sports necessitating a good deal of attention.

That the turfing industry is fairly extensive is evident from the fact that there are experts who have been constantly engaged in it.

Many think that the Chinese gardener is the only person who does turfing jobs. This is not the case. Mr. Young Wing-hong, principal of Messrs. Young Fat (Fat Lee), of No. 89, Wanchai Road, who has kindly supplied the information to the "China Mail," has been a student at the Hongkong University. His firm have been contractors to the Botanical and Forestry Department for many years.

Nearly all the "material" used in the Colony comes from the New Territories, from places like Sat Kong and Un Long where there are unlimited supplies.

The workmen have been brought up in the trade—like every other Chinese artisan—by experience and age specialists.

First of all, the ground—whether it is a tennis court or garden lawn—must be "loosened" and well raked. If the soil is not suitable, then black soil must be used, this being obtainable (on the surface) from the Peak and other places. Black soil has nutritive effects on grass. If it is used, the turfing may last for several years; if not, the "life" is appreciably shortened, but it all depends on the nature of the soil. The ground may be "too salty," or the site may be shaded by trees (or buildings) which prevent the grass getting sufficient sunlight in such cases "repairs" may be needed after a year, or longer.

How It Is Done.

Turf is taken out in sods of from 10 to 14 inches square. Mixed up with earth, each piece is about 1½ to 2 inches thick. It has to be well beaten down with a wooden hammer, in case the ground is not uniformly loose. Each sod overlaps its neighbours to ensure a good "fit." Otherwise, in dry weather, there is contraction and cracks appear.

Spring is the best season to put in turfing and autumn the most unfavourable.

Workmen who dig up the turf are also employed in laying it down where wanted. They dig to a certain depth with spades and shovel up each sod in a stereotyped way.

For a plot of about 400 or 500 square yards (which would be the area of the average tennis court), the price would be from 40 to 45 cents per square yard on the upper levels, and from 30 to 40 cents a square yard for Kowloon and the lower levels. Such rates do not include the expense of raking or black soil, as these items must be dealt with according to requirements.

Mr. Young advises: Do not roll immediately after turf is laid. Give it a chance to sink in, and for the roots of the grass to grow. For tennis courts, one should wait till the grass has grown and is rolled three or more times, before there should be any cutting. How long turf takes to be firmly embedded depends on the weather and the soil.

POLAR FLIGHT.

EXPLORATION SHIP SAILS.

TWO AEROPLANES ABOARD.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, April 4.

Lieutenant-Commander Byrd's Polar exploration ship "Chantier" a Shipping Board vessel, sails for Kings Bay to-morrow.

The ship's quarters are lined with special insulating Abba protection against cold. The same material will be used in temporary quarters ashore. Eight tons of provisions are on board.

The "Chantier" carries two "Lepidoptera" for a series of flights to the North Pole, the starting base being 400 miles from the Pole.

JUNGLE BEASTS.

WHAT HONGKONG LAWS HAVE TO SAY.

PET OWNERS' RESPONSIBILITY.

[By "Li Chung-yin"]

How many pet owners know what the responsibilities entailed?

There has been no tiger "scare" for some time. But Pet residents motoring to town have spotted a strange animal, a monkey has escaped, and dog-owners are thinking about the law now that there is an outbreak of rabies.

One cannot trot out a performing lion constrictor or tame baby elephant, anywhere, with impunity. The law is very distinct on the subject.

There is that famous local Ordinance—No. 1 of 1845—which deals with a multitude of sins. It is designed "An Ordinance to make provision for the preservation of Good Order, of Cleanliness, and the prevention of Nuisances." Section 3 starts with "Every person shall be liable to a fine of not exceeding \$50 who in any thoroughfare or public place adjacent thereto, commits any of the following offences"—

Each sub-section sets out a long list of offences but it is No. 9 that meets the eye. Inter-alia, it says: "(9) In any thoroughfare or public place, to the annoyance of the inhabitants or passengers, turns loose, cleans, dresses, exercises, trains or breaks any horse or other animal."

Why, any special mention of a horse should be made is a matter for conjecture, but the general purport is plain enough. Beyond this any person can always take civil action for damages. The Ordinance does not cover the position of a furr, would very likely deem that the owner of a non-domestic animal was causing unnecessary danger to the public by bringing it out, and as every person keeps an animal at his own peril, it is supposed that damages will be awarded.

I am not referring to any specific instance. Each case, I suppose, is dealt with on its merits. Many strange things happen and I recall the fact that the famous "Peak tiger" was supposed to have escaped from captivity in Hongkong. That tiger was ultimately shot in the New Territories, but not till it had killed a European police sergeant, and at least one other police officer.

ARGENTINE STIR.

PRESIDENT AND LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

CONGRESS CLOSED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Buenos Aires, April 4.

The Argentine Congress having failed to act on the Presidential message recommending Argentine's adherence to the League of Nations, the Government will determine its course at the forthcoming Cabinet Council. It is believed that it will take the matter in its own hands and appoint delegates to the preparatory Disarmament Conference and the League Council Reconstruction Commission.

The message was withdrawn by a Presidential decree closing the Congress on the ground that the Deputies had failed to take up a single item laid before them since November.

The decree has caused a stir in Parliamentary circles. Several Deputies have denounced it as a blow against the liberty of the people, whilst it is asserted that the Chamber has always been ready to do its duty, but could not accept Government imposition and dictation.

CANTON AND THE NORTH.

General Feng Yu-hsiang (the Christian general) has sent a delegate to Canton to report on the latest conditions of the North as well as to negotiate plans for the unification of the whole of China. The representative is Mr. Ma Fok-yuan who is stated to have arrived at Canton with Mr. Sun To on March 30.

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TRAFFIC POLICE.

BRITISH CHANCELLOR'S CAR HELD UP.

NUMBER TAKEN, TOO.

Mr. Winston Churchill, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who contrived the Minister of Transport's new gyrations, or "follow-my-leader" traffic regulations in Parliament-square, Westminster, was not summoned by the police. Mr. Churchill, while driving his own car from the direction of Millbank towards Whitehall, was stopped by Police-Constable Spragg, on traffic control duty near the House of Parliament.

Under the new one-way traffic system, a vehicle to reach Whitehall from the Houses of Parliament must go round-Parliament-square in clock-wise fashion, until it reaches a point at which it can leave the circular traffic stream.

Although directions have been painted on the ground and policemen have been stationed at points to see that the new regulations are enforced, Mr. Churchill persisted in wanting to take the shortest route to the Treasury. After an argument the constable took his name and address and reported the incident to Cannon-row Police Station, in accordance with his duty.

The Green Card.

The Chancellor, who was accompanied by a detective of the Special Branch of Scotland Yard, produced the green card issued to all Cabinet Ministers and officials of the Government permitting them easy passage through traffic in cases of urgent business, and pointed out to the constable the words: "Pass the Chancellor of the Exchequer's car."

The argument between the constable and the Chancellor was, it is understood, on the question of whether the permit gave a right-of-way which might have the effect of upsetting traffic regulations.

As a result of the incident a conference took place between officials of the Home Office, acting on behalf of the Cabinet and Scotland Yard, with a view to determining the precise facilities which such permits grant.

ARMS SEIZURE.

PISTOLS AND AMMUNITION ON ITALIAN SHIP.

The Customs authorities in Shanghai have made another important seizure of arms and ammunition, reports the local papers, which add:

The Italian s.s. "Venezia" recently arrived in Shanghai after calling at Hamburg on the "Way out," went on to Japan and now has returned. When Customs officers searched her on her second visit here they found 50 Mauser pistols and 10,000 rounds of ammunition. The disproportionate amount of the ammunition in relation to the number of pistols has led the Customs people to speculation as to whether there may be more pistols as yet undiscovered, or whether some previously were smuggled ashore here.

Unfortunately it has not been found possible to connect anyone with the running of this illicit cargo and no arrests have been made.

"Bill, who does the most good, Henry Ford or Billy Sunday?"

"That's easy! Henry Ford!"

"How's that?"

"He has shaken the devil out of more people than Billy Sunday ever can."



Charge of attempting to kill him by feeding him poisoned candy have been brought against Otto Hartman, of Jersey City, N.J. She denied the accusation.

SOVIET DIAMONDS.

SHOT COURIER'S VALUABLE PORTFOLIO.

\$400,000 ROBBERY.

The solution of the mystery surrounding the murder of a Soviet courier and the wounding of another in a train near Riga by two bandits, apparently rests upon the contents of a portfolio which Machmanstahl, the wounded courier, sealed and locked in the safe of the Soviet Legation at Riga.

That the contents are of importance is shown by the fact that the courier, although seriously wounded, personally brought the portfolio to the Legation.

It is known that the Soviet Government recently sent large quantities of diamonds to German banks which have been granting credits. It is now believed that the portfolio contains diamonds worth \$400,000, and that the robbery was planned by Bolsheviks who knew about the transactions.

Theodore Nette, the dead courier, lay in state at the Soviet Foreign Office, and the first guard of honour included M. Chicherin, the Commissar of Foreign Affairs; M. Litvinoff, the Assistant Commissar; and M. Rothstein, chief of the Anglo-American Department of the Foreign Office.

FOILED BY PRINCESS.

NOT INTIMIDATED BY THREATS.

An evil which is even now embittering the lives of scores of Society women without the outside world knowing anything of it has been dragged into the limelight through the courageous action of a woman who holds a high place in Parisian society. She is a princess, very young and of striking beauty.

Last summer, while she was enjoying a holiday at one of the most fashionable seaside resorts in Normandy, she found among her numerous admirers a young Czech named Zdenek Kuhn, reputed to be a rich member of Viennese society.

He was not only a man of highly polished manners, but a perfect dancer and a fine athlete. He often danced with the princess and attended some of the tea parties given at her villa.

When the holidays ended, and the princess returned to Paris, the young man went back to Vienna and completely faded from her memory until on New Year's Eve she received a letter in which he mentioned their seaside acquaintance and said that he was in desperate need of money.

He threatened that unless the princess sent him ten thousand francs by return of post he would make her the centre of a scandal by telling her husband some very unpleasant stories. With the strength born of a clear conscience, the princess simply ignored the young man's threat and sent his letter to a lawyer in Vienna, so that a police might keep an eye on him.

But only a day after she had posted it she received another surprise when Kuhn telephoned to tell her that he had come to Paris to receive the money personally and that he must have it before noon. He made an appointment to meet her at the Porte Champerret "tube" station, where she must hand over to him ten thousand francs in bank notes, or risk the consequences.

The princess, showing greater wisdom than is usually associated with her years, placed the whole case before her husband, and then told the police about it, and, acting on their advice, she kept the appointment, taking with her ten thousand franc banknotes, of which she had given the numbers to the authorities.

The trap was set, and she had not been more than five minutes at the appointed place before a mouse walked into it. But he was not Kuhn. He said he had attended to oblige Kuhn, without knowing of a plot.

DANCING MASTER EXPOSED. Kuhn was captured a few hours later, when he was found prowling about the princess's house in the hope of learning what had happened to his friend and the expected money.

Investigation showed that he was no wealthy young scion of society, but a teacher of dancing.

He has now to face a charge of blackmailing, and if he be found guilty it is likely that he will be pretty severely punished, for the French police have for a long time been trying to put an end to the activities of blackmailing pests who haunt the fashionable resorts of the Riviera in winter and of the north in summer.

HERO-WORSHIP.

MURDER CASE VICTIMS FORGOTTEN?

THE WRONG SPIRIT.

There is in many ways, said Sir William Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary, a feeling of lawlessness in the Old Country.

"Take the case of a murder, for instance," he continued. "What spirit is it that forgets the murdered person and makes the murderer oftentimes something of a hero? It is wrong."

"I am speaking of many cases I have had before me so often during the last eighteen months of men and women signing petitions by the thousand for reprobates in some utterly cruel murder. People forget, not merely the murdered person, but it may be the wife and children who are left to battle with the world owing to that murder."

"Not only in murder cases but in other cases I find over and over again that the sympathy is somehow for the criminal other than for the law."

When petitions were poured in asking that men should be let out of prison who had been convicted by a jury of their own countrymen after fair trial and sentenced to by no means severe penalties they could not understand the feeling in Englishmen at the present time—he thought it must be perhaps the result of the war—against the administration of the law.

IMPERIAL ROME.

FAST RECONSTRUCTION SCHEMES PROPOSED.

The Fascist idea of recreating Rome as an Imperial Capital has passed the dream stage, and the first taps of the demolishers' picks are already sounding as a sort of obligate to proclamations of a grandiose future. New quarters that are cities in themselves are visibly rising outside the walls, and to them a trek of population has opened from the central areas.

Rome proper, the City of the Seven Hills, is confined to six square miles within the walls of Servius Tullius. About a quarter of this is a jealously guarded archaeological preserve. Apart from certain important exceptions, the remainder of the area, replete as it is with innumerable monuments of the ages, is filled with a cluster of stucco houses, built so close together and overwhelmed by these architectural features. A ruthless scrutiny has been made of what is worth preserving, and the rest is to go—has commenced going.

What will be the appearance of the new Rome? In unbroken prospect the Foro of Trajan and Augustus will join the Foro Romano, with a vista of the Colosseum as a background. In the Campus Martius the huge Mausoleum of Augustus (which will still preserve its modern character of a concert hall), the Temple of Neptune (the Stock Exchange), and the Pantheon will emerge from their smother of dirty dwellings, to be seen in a progression of grandeur, connected with fountains and piazzas and flanked by buildings in dignified subservience to the venerable temples. At the (political) heart of the city the Piazza Colonna will be deepened so as to include Piazza Montecitorio, and here will be erected what is practically the only new monumental construction—a broad, non-guarded rostrum from the Column of Marcus Aurelius to the Obelisk of Esamechichus. From Piazza di Spagna a main artery will be driven down the present Via della Croce and continued to the Tiber, where it will end in a sweep of garden. These are the only outstanding alterations. The work of replanning is in the hands of the architect, Signor Armando Brasini. "In five years," Mussolini has said, "Rome ought to be marvellous in the eyes of the world."

The new residential Rome is outside the walls. On every side for miles out into the country great blocks of houses, villas, villas, and flats of every size and sort, but all clean and on modern lines, are approaching completion, literally by the thousand, and broad boulevards and wide streets suddenly appear to confound taxi drivers with their new names. The total programme aims at housing a population of a million and a half.

On Adolph's shirt front blazed a big diamond. "Yes, did you get it?" asked Roy. "My dear brudder, Peter, he died," replied Adolph, "and in his will he said I direct that \$100 be expended by my executor for a suitable stone in my memory. Well, this is the stone."

The famous after-dinner speaker had resolved to turn over a new leaf. Never again would he get on his feet to address a bored gathering. He was through.

But one day he was approached by a woman who sought to have him address her club.

"I can't," he explained firmly. "I have burned my bridges behind me."

The lady looked slightly surprised, but nobly came to the rescue.

"Oh, in that case," she said, "I will lend you a pair of my husband's."

BABY IN FIRE.

THRILLING ROOF CLIMB DESCRIBED.

BLIND WOMAN RESCUED.

Exciting rescue scenes were witnessed at two fires in the Hackney district early one morning in midweek.

Sleeping over a shop at 150, Victoria Park Road were Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, their 8-days-old baby and the nurse. On the second floor were Mr. and Mrs. Jessener.

When the household was awakened by the smell of smoke, it was found that escape through the shop to the street was cut off. All escaped, by getting on to a flat roof in their night attire and entering another house through a window.

Mrs. S. M. Giddy, Mrs. Freeman's nurse, gave a graphic account of the escape in an interview. She said: "I wrapped Mrs. Freeman, who was seriously ill, in blankets, and also wrapped blankets round the baby."

Then we climbed on to the leads and with just a covering over our night clothes walked along to the next house but one.

Old Couple Saved.

"We had aroused Mr. and Mrs. Jessener and they made their escape barefooted. Mr. Jessener jumped from his bedroom window to the shop leads, about 10 ft. or 12 ft., and Mrs. Jessener followed. Mr. Jessener attempted to catch her and both fell over. Mrs. Jessener having a badly bruised leg and arm."

Mr. Freeman also said that he had to half-carry his wife to safety. He was burned in rushing out to get the police, but not seriously.

In the second case, Mr. Edward S. Clayton, Norfolk Road, Dalston, said he found his house ablaze when awakened by the crashing of glass and blowing of police whistles.

On the top storey were Mr. and Mrs. Hatherell, who are about 50 years of age. Mr. Hatherell can only walk with difficulty and Mrs. Hatherell is blind.

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TRICK FOILED.

TRAP FOR 100 NORWEGIAN GIRLS.

A FAKE "LIEUTENANT."

Oso. But for the fortunate intervention of the police a hundred Norwegian girls would in all probability be on their way to-day to other countries, there to be condemned to a life of degradation and misery as "white slaves."

The information which came to the police enabled them to put a stop to the execution of plans which were well, even cunningly, organised. The girls were on the point of departure when they were rescued. Astounding revelations are expected when the full story is made public.

At the beginning of the month an advertisement appeared for a "young lady as travelling companion for a small family going to France," with a request that applications should be accompanied by a photograph. An Army officer's daughter who applied received a letter signed, "Lieut. Ludvig Dahl," stating that she had been engaged, and asking her to join him immediately, as he was going on in advance.

The suspicions of the girl's family were aroused, and they began to make inquiries, and found that "Dahl" was the assumed name of a man who had addresses at several hotels and who was daily receiving numbers of young girls and getting them to sign contracts for travelling to France on the same basis as he had mentioned to the officer's daughter.

He always wore a striking uniform in order to impress the girls and their parents, but when he found that inquiries were being made about him "Dahl" disappeared. The police are sparing no effort to get him before he can leave the country.

The extra-ordinary success and popularity of the lessons in English distributed by "Radio-Wien" (the Vienna broadcasting station) are due to the sympathetic personality of Professor T. W. McCallum, M.A., English Professor and Examiner at the University of Vienna since before the war, who speaks right into the microphones on four evenings a week and has become thereby the most popular foreigner, and probably the most popular of all men, in Vienna. An Aberdeenian who graduated at Aberdeen University in 1904, his radio English lessons were started last year as an experiment, but the tremendous keenness of the Viennese to learn English and his peculiar excellences as a colloquial teacher have interested many thousands who never miss a lesson if they can help it.

He has received more than 2,000 letters from Austrian listeners in the last six weeks and very many gifts of cutlery, drawings, and paintings. The most touching and valued of all these gifts has been a volume of Braille type containing all his lessons from October to Christmas, transcribed by 9 blind children at an institution for the blind as they listened.

"Tell me of your earlier educational difficulties."

"Well, I lived half a mile from the school, and we had no car!"

NEVER LEARNED.

AUSTRALIA MUST LEARN TO ADVISE.

LORD BURNHAM'S VISIT.

"For some reason or another Australia has always been unduly depreciated in world opinion, partly because Australians have never learned the art of advertisement as it has been perfected in America."

So said Viscount Burnham in a paper on "Australia as I Saw It," read before the Royal Colonial Institute, Northumberland-avenue, Charing Cross, W.C.

On the whole, he continued, Australia was the best country he had seen for its size, climate, and immunities from most of the ills to which humanity was heir.

The talk of Australia was Victorian English, the dialect, nearest of Oxford nor of Manchester, but the English of the great middle class all over England, which had cast the social life of Australia so largely on the curves of its own mould.

BETTING AND HORSE-RACING. Referring to gambling, Lord Burnham said that in England, for the most part, betting, on horse-racing was carried on away from the racecourse, whereas in Australia it was done on the racecourse itself, by means of the totalisator or, for larger sums, with licensed bookmakers.

For the purpose of seeing the horses run, every one of the stands was equally advantageous, and the catering was suited to every taste and every pocket. There, the terraced and sloping lawns, better laid out than any that he had seen in this country, were brilliantly studded with flower beds of all colours, and the bandstands were so placed that all present might have their equal fill of popular music.

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REVENGE FOR EXACTIONS.

The correspondent of the "Peking and Tientsin Times" writes from Hawking, N. Honan, on March 3:

For several weeks the mail service from all points has been very slow, but for nearly a week we have been entirely cut off from both north and south, doubtless due to the present imbroglio between the People's Army and their Allied opponents. For more than a week it has been evident that all was not going well with the Second Kuominchun. Defeated soldiers have been returning to their homes in civilian attire. Two days ago several hundreds of troops proudly stationed here returned in a rather humiliated condition, only a very small proportion of them bearing arms. Besides these, a few tens of wounded also put in an appearance, the more serious of these having come to us for treatment.

One poor young fellow with a rifle bullet wound through the thigh travelled the last thirteen miles by ricksha. Since his thigh bone is fractured, he must have suffered unspeakable agonies, as there was no attempt made to apply the most rudimentary splint, and he got his "Blighty" ten days ago. Of course, the wound is badly infected, and it will go hard with him. However, from accounts we have been getting locally, he is among the lucky ones. The unit to which he belonged went into battle fifteen hundred strong, and came out with less than two hundred. It is said they were surrounded.

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BIRTHS.

MAW.—On March 17 at Batticaloa (Ceylon), to the Rev. and Mrs. Albert Maw, a son.
HINCHLiffe.—At Colombo, on March 14, to the wife of H. C. Hinchliffe, a son.
JEARY.—At Kandy (Ceylon), on March 16, to the wife of William Jeary, a daughter.
ROUTLEDGE.—On March 16, at Colombo, to the wife of R. V. Routledge, a son.

DEATHS.

BAILEY.—On March 18, at Kandy (Ceylon), Marion Bailey, aged 78, widow of J. B. Allison Bailey, C.C.S.
SHEEL.—On April 3, at Shanghai Hospital, Robert Fletcher Sheel, of Sunderland, England, Master Mariner, husband of Jessie Marie Sheel, of Hongkong.

Hongkong, Monday, April 5, 1926.

LOCAL POSTAL LAW.

Twenty-six years is a long time, in this bustling era, for an Ordinance to remain in force without a single alteration or amendment. In regard to the Post Office Ordinance of 1900 an amending Bill is shortly to be introduced in the Legislative Council—a Bill naively described as "an attempt to remedy the defects and omissions of the present law and bring it up to date." The modesty of the authorities is to be commended! They will merely "attempt" to remedy existing defects and anomalies. And the result, after 26 years' working of the present Ordinance, is confined to 41 sections. Had the "attempt" been deferred for, say, other ten years, the amending Bill might have contained 42 sections.

There are some good provisions in the "attempt." No one can reasonably object to the power to open postal packets which cannot be despatched or which cannot be delivered. Such a power ought to have been invested in the Post-

master-General—subject to the Governor's discretion in the matter of postal matter required for criminal or forfeiture proceedings—long ago. The public are not ably careless in regard to addressing postal matter as it ought to be addressed. That carelessness is responsible for more trouble and more worry among postal officials than all the other "cares of office" combined. If a postal packet cannot be despatched and cannot be delivered, the obvious course is surely to open it and return it to the sender!

Satisfaction will likewise be expressed with Clause 11, which gives the Postmaster-General discretion to return to the sender any postal packet which has been posted by mistake or which has been posted with wrong or deficient contents. If the public are careless in the actual addressing of postal packets, they are no less culpable in enclosing letters in wrong envelopes—often with startling results, financially and socially—and in enclosing wrong documents or omitting to enclose documents in accordance with the covering letter. As the law—commonly termed "red tape"—to the prejudice of the efficiency of the postal administration!—stands at present "no correspondence can be returned to the sender without a warrant signed by the Governor." For the few who have been cognisant of this hitherto, how very many have been lamentably ignorant! In any event, to wait for the warrant from the Governor is simply to invite delay and the missing of a mail; and this, in the case of business firms, may well involve heavy financial loss. There are certain objections to the proposed new clause, and these are set out with admirable frankness in the "Objects and Reasons" accompanying the draft of the Bill. Even so, it is added that the new clause is inserted because of its general convenience. It is certainly refreshing to find the legislating authorities so considerate of the general convenience. May their consideration lead to the abolition of defects and anomalies in numerous other laws that are on the Statute-book!

Another of the many excellent reforms proposed under the new Bill is a provision giving "power to open and delay any postal packet which is reasonably suspected of having been posted in contravention of the law, or of containing anything with respect to which any offence is being committed or attempted."

Taken as a whole, the Bill deserves well of its sponsors and of the community as a whole. Although described as merely an "attempt" at reform, it is no half-hearted "attempt," and the changes in the postal law, once they become operative, ought to bring the local postal administration abreast of the times in many respects.

ARMS TRAFFIC.

Before condemning statements made by Labourists, Pacifists or Communists—simply because they are such—it would be better to examine the statements to see if there is any truth in them. Mr. A. Ponsonby, who is a Pacifist if there is one, has girded in the House of Commons at the traffic in arms and the supplying of Chinese—"the most peaceful people in the world"—with the surplus stock of the munitions of Western Christian Powers. How far is this statement true? China is incapable of making the general munitions of war; and these must come from the West. It is not merely munitions, but men also, if the further statement is true that Chinese regiments in the war area, are being officered by French and Italians. Seeing that the "war" in China is purely civil—Chinese against Chinese—it should not be difficult for Western nations to prohibit the sale of munitions to the warring parties and to restrict the work of adventurers in taking sides in an active manner. We plead for a settled peaceful China and yet aid the chaos by making money out of the supply of arms and munitions—to say nothing of aeroplanes—which simply prolong an unnecessary feud. The Chinese may be the most peaceful people in the world, but there is no denying the fact that quite a number of them like playing at soldiers, and a disagreeable number at bandits and pirates. Reduce traffic in arms to a minimum, and the supply of the three above mentioned unproductives, will cease, like some of the arms, automatically!

RIFLE MEETING.

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER SHOOT.

Yesterday was the first day of the annual rifle meeting of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, and shooting in seven competitions took place at Stonecutters Range.

Six competitions were completed and the open Revolver Competition was begun, and will be completed to-day, together with the six remaining competitions.

Shooting was fair, considering that the wind and light were not exceptionally good. Entries for the open revolver competition were also particularly good showing a marked increase on last year.

The results follow—
Blake Shield.—An inter-unit competition open to all units of the Corps for a challenge shield presented by the late Sir Henry Blake, K.C.M.G., etc. 1st, No. 6 Platoon "A" team; 2nd, Reserve Company "A" team.

Francis Cup.—A challenge cup presented by the late Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C. 1st, No. 6 Platoon "A" team; 2nd, Reserve Company "A" team.

Jar Competition.—For H.V.D.C. only. 1st, No. 1 Platoon "A" team; 8 out of 9 jars broken.

The Competition.—For H.V.D.C. only. 1st, No. 6 Platoon "A" team; 15 tiles knocked over out of 21 tiles at butts.

H.K. Volunteer Reserve Challenge Cup.—Won by Sergt. G. E. Falkner (No. 9 platoon).

Attack Competition.—For H.V.D.C. only. 1st, No. 1 Platoon "A" team; 2nd, No. 6 Platoon "A" team.

Revolver Competition (open).—Result of first day: Sergt. Tugwell (R.M.).

To-day's Programme.

The rifle meeting will be concluded at Stonecutters to-day, when the following competitions will be decided:—

Completion of Revolver Competition (open).
Marksmanship Competition (H.V.D.C.).
Tyrone Competition (H.V.D.C. members).

Corps Championship (H.V.D.C.).
Revolver Competition (H.V.D.C.).
Machine Gun Competition (H.V.D.C.).
Lewis Gun Competition.

Wife (complaining about her husband to magistrate): "Once last week he never arrived home until two o'clock in the morning."

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

Lord God, give
Prayer For The him who loves
Right Vocations, the sea.
A ship's uncer-
tain destiny!

Give town men, who for folds
entreat,
The benediction of the wheat!

Give merchant souls the haggling
through
Grant to the poet, kept from song

By the loud commerce of bazars,
A lone path under sun and stars

To where a whispering forest
stream
Shall summon from his heart its
dream!

D.H.

An example of West
A Request. African English has
been received by an
official in Lagos. The writer was
a native boarding officer employed
by the port authorities. Submit-
ting a claim for equipment lost in
the course of his duties, he wrote:

"Dear Sir.—In accordance to the
instructions received yesterday, I
went on board the tug—for the
s.s.—with a view to finding
whether the transhipment of mails
could be made a matter of possi-
bility. Owing to circumstances
which were very unexpected, it hap-
pened that the s.s.—struck the
tug—with a most curious result
that the tug sunk.

"I was on board the tug, and as
I could not but make a desperate
effort for my life's sake, I threw
away my pair of boots costing 35s.,
1 Khaki Helmet, £, and T. Uniform,
and a Raincoat. The incident, being
so awfully terrifying, I could not
have done better than to do
away with these materials, only to
save something more inexplicable
precious—Life. It is regrettable,
however, to mention that six souls
were lost, and had it not been for
God's unspeakable mercies coupled
with self-help, I would have been
counted among the six souls who
so untimely vacated the mundane
sphere. In view of this, you may
be good enough to recommend that
the above said materials be refund-
ed, basing on the fact that the cir-
cumstances appertaining to their
loss were quite inevitable.—Yours
truly—"

Perhaps, the local
scandal mongers would approve of
the operation of the ducking stool.
The ducking stool, could easily be
reconstructed from relics still in
existence. It is believed that the
last use of the ducking stool in
England was at Leominster, in the
first years of the nineteenth
century, and the stool has been
preserved in the parish church. It
was a chair fastened to the end of
a beam, which worked on a pivot
from a post at the water's edge.
Notorious scolds were put in the
chair and ducked by lowering the
beam. Perhaps it may be timely
to recall that its use was not con-
fined to scolds, for dishonest trades-
men, especially bakers, were some-
times punished by a trip in the
chair.

It may be of interest
Last words. To the reader, to re-
call a few instances
of the final expressions of re-
markable persons, as communicated
by biographers and historians.

Sir Hugh Percy. "I have saved
the bird in my bosom."

Pizarro. "Jesus."

Cardinal Beaton (assassinated
1546). "Fy, fy, all is gone."

Ferrar Bishop of St. David's,
March 30, 1555. (On being chained
ed to the stake at Carmarthen
Cross):

"If I stir through the pains of
my burning, believe not the doc-
trine I have taught."

Raleigh. (To the executioner,
who was pausing). "Why dost
thou not strike? Strike, man."

Charles I. "Remember."

Cromwell. "It is not my design
to drink or sleep, but my design
is to make what haste I can to be
gone."

Byron. "I must sleep now."

George IV. "Watty, what is
this? It is death, my boy—they
have deceived me."

It is remarkable how few of these
last words of noted persons express
what may be called the ruling
passion of life—contrary to Pope's
idea:

"And you, brave Cobham, to the
latest breath, Shall feel your ruling
passion strong in death; Such in
those moments as in all the past
Oh, save my country, Heaven shall
be your last."

SHAKESPEARE'S MARRIAGE.

There is no law of Nature which
ordains that a man of genius
should be an ideal husband.
Though it may be a little more
common for a great man to find a
good wife, even that is not a general
rule. We have some reason to be-
lieve that Shakespeare's marriage
was not judicious (says the "Daily
Telegraph"). His father, who
lived through the mists of dull re-
veries and vague traditions an in-
triguing person, adventurous, lit-
erary, jovial, had been worldly wise
in choosing a wife. Shakespeare's
mother came of one of the best
families in the country, and in a
modest way was an heiress. The
wife that William Shakespeare took
was a "husbandman's" daughter,
and all her fortune was 26 13s. 4d.
If we think of that as 450 of our
money we shall do her no wrong.
Moreover, Anne Hathaway was a
bride of 26, taking a bridegroom of
18. Such a balance on the wrong
side seemed even more undesirable
to the Elizabethans than it does to
us, as we may read, very plainly in
Shakespeare's own plays. It is,
however, fair to add that a bride-
groom of 18 was not liable to so
much objection then as now. But
we have to suspect that this bride-
groom was none too willing. There
are records which suggest that the
marriage was hurried on by friends
of the lady, and the first child was
born six months after the ceremony.
The natural inference is that a lad
of 18 had begun a liaison with a
woman of 26, not intending that she
should be his wife. It is, however,
only an inference, and those who
have most knowledge of the world
will be most cautious in assuming
that the characters of men and
women must be what the circum-
stantial evidence suggests. Of the
course of the married life of Wil-
liam and Anne Shakespeare we
know very little. The boy hus-
band's resources must have been
small. His father's affairs were in a
bad way, the Hathaway family
had nothing to spare. Three years
after marriage twins were born. A
little later Shakespeare left Strat-
ford. Traditions agree that he
was a wild youth, and there is no
reason to doubt the tradition that
he had to run away from trouble
about poaching in the squire's deer
park. This sort of thing does not
suggest that he settled down when
he married. When he left his
wife, he was just off age, she was
not 30. We have no evidence how
often he came to Stratford in the
next twelve years. He may have
been abroad, a soldier in Flanders
some say, a strolling player in a
company that toured Germany,
Denmark, perhaps even Italy, say
others. He may have taught school
in the Cotswolds, as Aubrey had
heard. He may have been a
scrivener, a printer, an apothecary.
In seven years we find him
known as an actor and a play-
wright, in less than a dozen he was
famous and had money in his purse.
He came back to Stratford and
bought New Place. It is plain that
he loved the town and the people;
what he felt for his wife is not so
clear. She had been so poorly off
that she borrowed 40s. from a shep-
herd of her father's, and had not
paid it when he died, though her
husband's fortune had then been
long established. Their only son
died a boy of 11, and no other child
came. The tradition is that
Shakespeare spent some time in
Stratford every year after he had
bought his great house there; but
his working home, was, of course,
in London for long after that, and
there is no reason to think that his
wife shared it. His elder daughter
married a Stratford physician in
1607, and some four years later
Shakespeare sold his shares in the
London theatres, and came to live
in his Stratford house. Early in
1616, with death near, he thought
of making his will. It was drafted
in January, without even the name
of his wife in it. It was signed
in March, with the second-best bed
clause inserted between the lines.
Anne Shakespeare was then a
woman turned 60. When she died,
seven years later, she was buried
near her husband, and kindly verses
were put over her grave. What is
the most reasonable judgment upon
her and her history? We cannot
believe that Shakespeare felt for
her any passionate or deep devotion.
It is not even established that he
treated her fairly, and some of the
facts have an awkward look. On
the other hand, there is no proof
that he failed in his duty; and that
he meant to mark his dislike of her
by his will is incredible. The best
hypothesis seems to be that he was
hurried into marriage with a
woman in whom he had no endur-
ing interest, and whom he could
not trust to deal wisely with his
affairs. It is very obvious that
Shakespeare was not so interested
in Mrs. Anne as we are. He gives
us one more example of the rule
that great men are apt to get hold
of the wrong wives.

THEOSOPHY.

COMING OF THE WORLD
TEACHER.

LOCAL ADDRESS.

At last week's public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society, Mr. H. E. Lanpart gave an address on "The Coming of the World Teacher." The recent London address of Dr. Annie Besant, President of the World Theosophical Society, he said in brief:

There is spreading in all countries, in all the religions of the world the expectation of the coming of a Great One, and there are some among us who intensely believe that the coming of this World Teacher in our days is drawing near. Glancing into the past we see that the World Teacher has appeared in the Aryan Race on five occasions, each appearance coinciding with the birth of a new branch of the Aryan root-race. We find that to each of these new sub-races the World Teacher gave a new religion; being the same basic truth clad in a new form, each adding something to the heritage of knowledge and culture of humanity as a stimulus for a new civilisation. And indeed, we find His traces in the past, in the profound Divine messages contained in all the religions given out by Him who is the Founder of all the religions of the world. It was He who proclaimed when He appeared in the West as the Christ: "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also must I bring, and they shall hear My Voice; and there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd." In the Higher World that one fold, that one shepherd, are recognised; only here, in our darkness, do we quarrel, belonging to one religion, or to another religion, or to none; and we miss the great Truth that there is but one World Teacher, and that He looks on "My many faiths" as His, and not another's. And indeed we find that the Divine messages contained in all and every one of the religions of the world, past and present, equally lead men to the realisation of the God in man.

Five Religions.

The five great religions, given out by the World Teacher, the Lord of the religions of the world, to the five Aryan sub-races, have given mankind priceless Divine truths. We have the Immanence of God side by side with the brotherhood of man in Hinduism, the religion of the Aryan root-stem in Central Asia; we see the evolution of science in Egypt, descending from the subtle world to the knowledge of the world of forms, the physical; we see Him add the ideal of purity as Zoroaster in Persia, and give out to the Greek peoples as Orpheus the Divine revelation of beauty and harmony, in the training of the emotions, and as the Christ to inspire the fifth Aryan sub-race to the training of the concrete and scientific mind. We thus realise that the coming of the World Teacher amongst men is an often repeated fact, as the world is never left orphaned by Him, and all the types and races of man equally receive His blessings and are equally inspired by Him to develop in themselves the various aspects of the Father. And this is one of the recurring signs of the near coming of the World Teacher.

New Human Type.

A new human type, a new sub-race, the sixth of the Aryan root-race, has made its appearance in the world. Distinctly mentioned in the reports of the ethnologists in America, Australia, and New Zealand, found in smaller numbers scattered about also in other countries, are a tremendous will power, a strong intellect, and, above all, the awakened powers of a sixth sense—intuition. Whenever a new sub-race has appeared in the Aryan root-race in the past and we have five examples of that behind us, the World Teacher has appeared to give it His spiritual stimulus, and we hold that the World Teacher will come once more to fulfil again His great office of giving a new form to religion and a new civilisation founded thereon. We see the signs of His near coming in the awakening of the social conscience all over the world, the rapid spread of the ideals of universal brotherhood, the idea that men should work together and not against each other, that they should work for a common aim and not for individual profit. And then the great changes that have taken place in religion, the world-wide awakening from the limitations of the dead letter to the knowledge of the God within, in all men, irrespective of religion.

In all the departments of life the world is on the very edge of a tremendous change, and all this brings us to the dawning realisation that it is reasonable to expect, and probable, that the World Teacher will soon appear amongst men. But to some of us, the impending coming of the World Teacher is not merely a belief based on the study of the past and the present. There is a higher and

COAL CRISIS?

COMMITTEES WORKING
DURING HOLIDAYS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 3.

Political circles do not regard the coal situation in spite of the rather unpromising developments, pessimistically, and never anticipated that the Coal Commission's report would be accepted without at least very considerable negotiations, the basis of which is provided in the owners' statement.

Meanwhile, Cabinet Committees, and the Special Committee established to consider the report are working hard throughout the holidays.

DEGRADED.

ZINOVIEFF FALLS OUT WITH
SOVIET.

(Reuter's Service.)

Riga, April 4.

M. Zinovieff has been deprived of the presidency of the Leningrad Soviet, thus losing an official authority.

[A previous cable stated:—The "Times" correspondent at Riga states that M. Komaroff has been appointed Chairman of the Leningrad Executive Committee, replacing M. Zinovieff, who has been deprived of the post on account of his opposition to the policy of the Central Communist Committee.]

PRINCESS ILL.

LATEST BULLETIN, RATHER
HOPEFUL.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 3.

This morning's bulletin as to Princess Victoria's health, stated that although pneumonia was resolving, the strain on the heart remains great.

This morning's bulletin in regard to H.R.H. Princess Victoria says that the slight improvement of last night has been maintained.

BOLSHEVISM.

SOME DISCOVERIES IN
JAPAN.

Tokyo, March 22.

Replying to interpellations in the Lower House this afternoon, the Minister of Education admitted that Bolshevik propaganda has been discovered in certain Government institutions. He stated that the authorities were considering adequate measures to deal with the situation, possibly resulting in the dismissal of certain professors.

HURLED TO DEATH.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Mexico City, April 3.

Nine were killed and 92 injured in the collapse of an overcrowded balcony at a cinema show, a mass of men, women and children being hurled upon people below.

JAPAN'S TARIFF.

Tokyo, March 24.

The Upper House in full session this morning passed the Nishihara Loan and Tariff Bills.

By the former the Government shoulders full responsibility from the banks concerned, whilst the Tariff Bill results in the raising of the flour, wheat and egg tariff. The flour tariff is raised from ¥1.85 to ¥2.90 and the wheat tariff from \$0.77 to ¥1.50 per hundred.

A special committee will be appointed after the session to reconsider the duties on other articles, which it is proposed to raise.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

Tokyo, March 25.

An official bulletin from the Metropolitan Police announces that the Supreme Court this morning returned a verdict of capital punishment for high treason in the case of the Korean Bokujun Shoku and his Japanese wife, who were caught in 1922 attempting to import large quantities of bombs from Shanghai with the object of "undermining the Imperial regime as a preliminary to the establishment of an independent Government for the Korean people."—Reuter's Pacific Service.

deeper knowledge. It is possible to enter His presence now to learn and to know from Him that the condition of the world again demands His presence, and that not a very long time will pass away before He will again bless our world with His presence.

BOMBS RAID.

POOR RESULTS BY ALLIED
AEROPLANES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, April 3.

Hundreds of foreigners and tens of thousands of Chinese on a most brilliant sunlit morning, watched a bombing raid at 10.30 o'clock, when aeroplanes of the allied armies flew over the City. Their objective evidently was the Kuomintang headquarters and barracks inside the Tartar City.

Four 80lb. bombs were dropped, respectively inside the Winter Palace grounds, into the Palace grounds, into the Palace Lake, near the French Mission and near the Paitang Cathedral. A bomb just missed the barracks.

No casualties have been reported so far.

The aeroplanes dived low prior to bombing and were met apparently by an ineffectual fusillade from the barracks.

The third machine, twice bombed the Kuomintang barracks at Nanyuan, outside the City. The Chinese residing in the vicinity were panic-stricken with fear.

The machines, which were big and modern, carrying regular bombing apparatus, were all supplied to the Chinese for purely commercial purposes.

Later, investigations reveal that four more bombs were dropped outside the Chienmen and Hatanen this morning. Some houses were damaged.

According to reports, which have not yet been verified, a Chinese girl was killed while proceeding through the streets in a bridal chair to her wedding.

Peking, April 4.

The daily air stratagem was more intensive this morning.

Three machines dropped twelve bombs. One caused the death of a woman in the Tartar City, another struck and set on fire the Wenyuan-keh Palace in the Forbidden City. The others were mostly outside the city walls.

The military effect of the bombing is practically nil. The airman are aiming at the Kuomintang quarters, but the attitude at which the machines fly precludes accuracy.

The Chinese residents are most indignant over these useless raids. Many are asking why the Legations take no action.

OPIUM AS BEEF.

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FIND.

FROM HONGKONG.

Sydney, March 1.

Customs searchers discovered 197 tins of opium in the freezer of the steamer "St. Albans" when it arrived from Hongkong. The seizure is valued at \$2,000.

The opium was cunningly concealed. Portion of the haul was seen up in two sheep's carcasses.

Another portion was done up inessian to represent a hind quarter of beef.

The "St. Albans" is berthed at Woolloomooloo, and carries a Chinese crew. Despite careful inquiries and questioning the Customs men have not yet been able to find the owner of the haul.

The "St. Albans" is on the P. and O.'s Eastern and Australian run.

FENG'S FUTURE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, April 3.

The Tass News Agency (Russian) says that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, interviewed at Urga, declared that he would join the Kuomintang shortly and devote the rest of his life to the realisation of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen's ideas.

It is his intention to go to Moscow to enter a factory as an ordinary workman and study politico-economic conditions in the United Soviet Socialist Republics, and then return to China to utilise the knowledge acquired. "The change," he said, "does not disturb me. I come of a mason's family and worked as a labourer twenty years and for many years served as a common soldier."

NEW RAILWAY.

Tokyo, March 25.

It is reported that the South Manchuria Railway is commencing early in May, for the Chinese Government, the land survey of a railway from Kirin to Tungchua, which will be 145 miles in length, whilst the laying of the track is expected to begin next spring. The estimated cost of the line is ¥10,000,000.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

PERET'S SUCCESS.

NEW FISCAL PROPOSALS
ADOPTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 3.

The Senate by 232 votes to 12 has adopted the Government's tax proposals in a slightly amended form, notably omitting the clauses relating to the petroleum and sugar monopolies.

Later, The Senate has adopted the increase of Customs Bill, but has decided, however, to exempt newspapers only.

Later, The Government's financial proposals for furnishing immediate funds were passed in the Senate and Chamber by large majorities.

Later, It should be noted there are two separate financial measures, firstly, the Finance Bill, forming part of the Budget for 1926, which must be voted before April 30, and secondly, finance proposals for furnishing immediate funds. It is from the latter that the Senate to-day disconnected the oil and sugar monopolies.

Later, The Chamber also adopted by 365 votes to 145 the measure increasing Customs duties by thirty per cent, including the Senate's amendments. The measures providing fresh resources for the Treasury passed backwards and forwards between the Senate and Chamber several times, and at night both Houses made concessions in the interest of a general agreement.

The Chamber by 295 votes to 252 agreed to make a separate measure of the article creating a monopoly of the importation of sugar, and also adopted the proposals of the Senate relating to the price of tobacco and taxes on sugar and certain special medicines and preparations, while the Senate did not insist on the tax on coffee, and assented to the principle of the petroleum importation monopoly, provided it is made subject to the Bill.

Parliament adjourned at 4.40 this morning, the Senate till April 12 and the Chamber till April 20.

Final Votes.

(Havas Agency.)

Paris, April 4.

The project creating new fiscal resources was finally adopted by 300 votes to 155 in the Chamber and 220 votes to 16 in the Senate.

DANISH FLIGHT.

AIRMAN'S SAFE ARRIVAL AT
RANGOON.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rangoon, April 3.

The Danish aviator, Commander Botved, has arrived safely, and will leave for Bangkok to-morrow.

Lieutenant Herschend's machine, however, experienced engine trouble, and was forced to land damaged 28 miles from Rangoon.

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Bangkok, April 4.

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Copenhagen, March 15.

Two naval airplanes in charge of Commander Botved will start on Wednesday on a flight to Tokyo and return, the route being via Berlin, Lemberg, Constantinople, Aleppo, Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, Shanghai and Peking.

Aleppo, Asiatic Turkey.

March 21. One of the two Danish aviators who left Constantinople this morning, arrived here in two hours. Lieutenant Herschend's plane arrived safely but Commander Botved has not been heard from.

[The Danish aviator left Copenhagen on March 17 on a flight to Tokyo and return, the route being via Berlin, Lemberg, Constantinople, Aleppo, Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, Shanghai and Peking.]

GERMAN CAPTURE.

SEIZURE OF A FRENCH
AEROPLANE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 4.

A message from Strasbourg says the German authorities have seized a French military aeroplane, with an officer and a sergeant aboard, which was flying over the Rhine and was forced to land at Zaackingen, Baden, but the occupants were allowed to return to France.

Police man (to pianist)—"Someone called up the police station reporting that a 'guy' named Schubert is being murdered in here."



Ted Palmer, a cashier of the American Express Co., at Hackensack, N. J., believes that he was born under a lucky star. When bandits held up the office and killed Frank Brannon, a messenger, they tried three times to shoot Palmer, but each time the weapon misfired.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL"

Entertainments.

April 5—Star Theatre: Hoot Gibson in "Taming the West."

April 5—World Theatre: "Life's Greatest Game."

April 5—Queen's Theatre: Norman Kerry in "Lorraine of the Lions" and D. J. Dimoff, "King of the Balalaika" in selections from his repertoire.

April 10—Carnival at Repulse Bay Hotel.

Sports.

April 5—Portuguese Interport football, Hongkong v. Shanghai, 4 p.m., H.K.F.C. ground.

April 5—Fanning Hunt Steeple-chase, meeting at Kwantai race course, near Fanning (New Territories).

April 7—Portuguese Interport football, Portugal v. China, 4.30 p.m., H.K.F.C. ground.

April 9—Interport Soccer, Portugal v. Rest of the Colony, at H.K.F.C. ground, 4.30 p.m.

April 24—Annual athletic sports of the Victoria Recreation Club.

May 1—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

June 5—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

October 2—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

November 8—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

Auction.

April 6—Al. Lammert Bros' sales room, Duddell Street, at 11 a.m. household furniture and miscellaneous goods.

Company Meeting.

April 22—Forty-eighth meeting of shareholders of China Sugar Refining Co., in the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at noon.

Miscellaneous.

April 7—Twenty-sixth meeting of members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, in the Club House, 5.45 p.m.

April 7—Second meeting of the Kowloon Golf Club, at Central British School, Nathan Road, Kowloon, 6.10 p.m.

April 7—Wah Yan College prize distribution, Theatre Royal, 5.15 p.m.

April 12—Muzzling of dogs enforced until further notice.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Shanghai yesterday at 6 a.m. left Shanghai to-day at 5 a.m. and is due at Nagasaki to-morrow at 6 p.m.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Yokohama on March 26 at a.m. left Yokohama on March 27 at p.m. and is due at Vancouver to-day.

The B. L. s.s. "Benlomond" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits is due to arrive here on April 9.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" arrived at Kobe April 3 at 5 p.m. left Kobe yesterday at 7 a.m. and is due at Wosung (Shanghai) to-morrow at 6 p.m. She leaves Wosung April 7 at 8 p.m. and is due at Hongkong April 10.

The s.s. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co. Ltd.), left Dunkirk on March 16 and is due here on or about April 23.

A London physician accepted an invitation to join a house party for a little shooting. When he returned, a privileged butler asked him whether he had enjoyed himself.

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"No, hardly anything," admitted the doctor.

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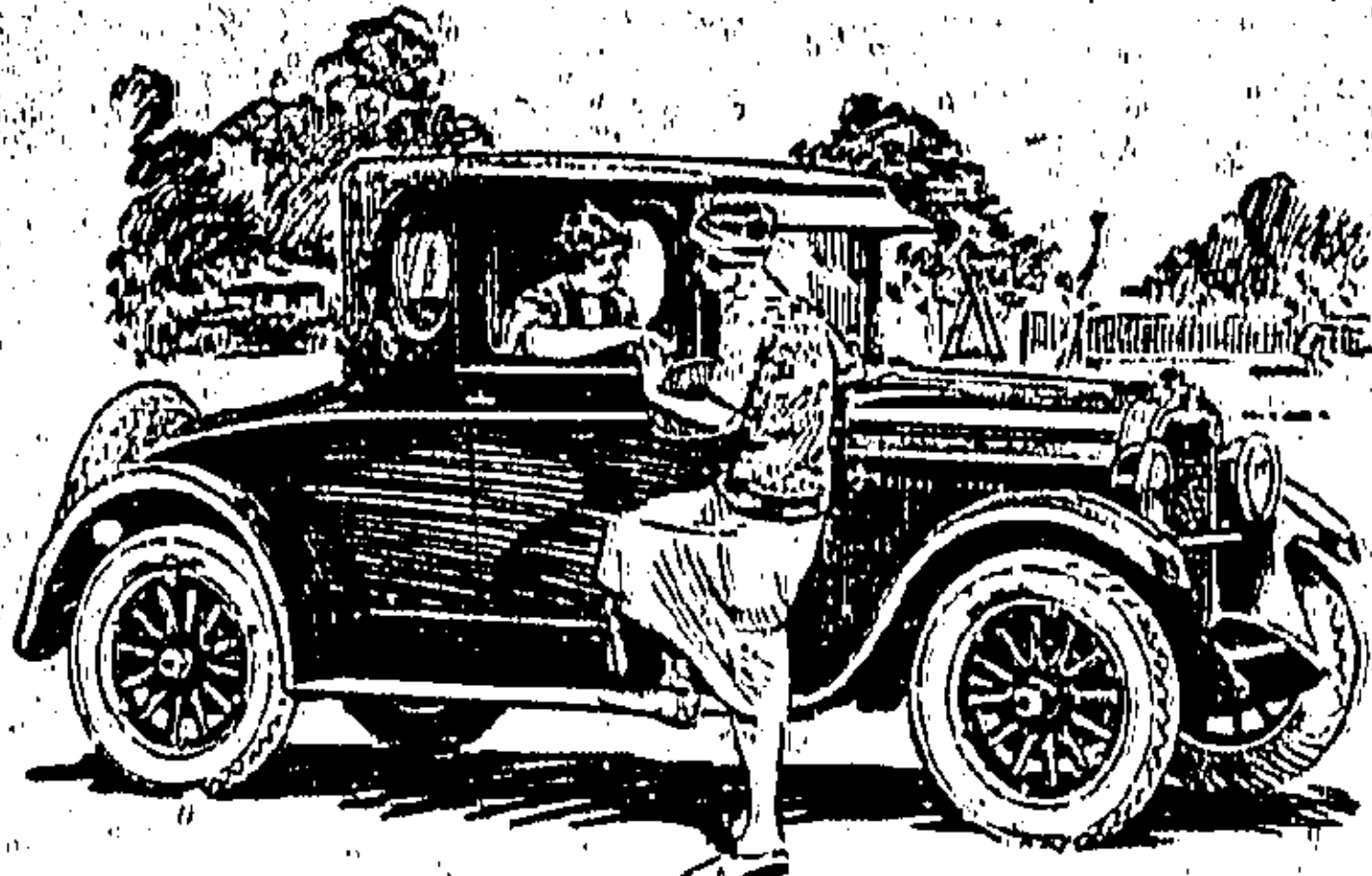
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Between 440 and 500 prisoners, including Horatio Bottomley, were present at a pianoforte recital given by Mr. Willoughby Walmesley in Malden Prison.

European contributions to the Hongkong and New Territories Evangelisation Society for the year ended February 28, 1926, totalled \$1,486.96. Chinese contributions reached \$1,616.55. The year closed with a balance in hand of \$1,071.46 as against \$1,259.11 for the previous year.

Many thousands of people anxious to see the Cup Final at Wembley on April 24 this year will be disappointed. With the exception of some 15s. and one-guinea seats, all the accommodation has been disposed of, and the officials are now returning by the hundred letters of application which cannot be dealt with.

The report for 1925 of the Hongkong and New Territories Evangelisation Society states that since his return the Rev. H. R. Wells has regularly spent two or three days each week visiting in the villages with bands of workers and doing evangelistic work. Although the relations between Canton and Hongkong have been much disturbed there has been no hindrance to work in the New Territories.

Some one in the Paris press has been good enough to resurrect a number of items showing what life was like in that city 100 years ago. In 1826, we are told, there were less than 1,000,000 inhabitants, and flats were much cheaper than to-day—ridiculously so. Two thousand francs a year was all it cost to live in the Chausée d'Antin (then a fashionable residence street), and the accommodation comprised: two fine living rooms, five bedrooms, a stable and a garden. "The play of the year was a five-act piece 'L'Azotage,' by Picard and Empis, which was produced at the Comédie Française and in which the authors secured those who enrich themselves by speculating at the Bourse."

A Walsall inspector recently found more than 1,000 weights and measures deficient in 14 weeks, but many London districts, according to an official, could each show a much larger figure.

All of the Canadian Pacific Company's passenger steamships, both Transatlantic and Trans-Pacific, carry Church of England communion sets and Roman Catholic altar sets which are specially cared for at the home ports on each voyage by clergymen of the respective churches.

Leading Filipino citizens of the island of Jolo, which is the southernmost of the Philippine Archipelago, are planning an expedition to do excavation work in the region lying in the southern basin of the Rio Grande de Mindanao, with the object of finding traces of the lost kingdom of Mohammed Mukakwa, a powerful Moro chieftain who ruled a number of the southern islands about 1750. Previous scientific expeditions in the Philippine Islands have devoted their attention to the graves of the Malay potentates and warriors in search of relics of the early times there, but so far the "lost kingdom," the accounts of which are entirely disbelieved in some quarters, has been neglected.

In view of the projected change of Manchester's telephone service, from the manual to the automatic system, a new main telephone exchange is to be erected in that city, says Engineering. It will take three years to complete and will cost, altogether, some £250,000. The building will comprise ten floors and will house a staff of 1,500. The contract for the erection of the exchange has been placed with Messrs. Gerrard, of Swinton. Among the structural materials needed will be four thousand tons of steel. Three units of automatic apparatus are to be accommodated in the exchange; each of the units will deal with 1,000 lines. The building has been designed by Mr. C. P. Wilkinson, of H.M. Office of Works.

America consumed 825,000 tons of candy last year, the National Confectioners' Association announced. The 1925 candy appetite may exceed the 1926 record breaker, the report said, adding that 75,000 retailers now sell candy.

According to Dr. Austin H. Clark, of the United States National Museum, the male butterfly, not the female, emits the sweet odours and wears the pretty colours. The male butterfly uses enticing perfumes to attract the other sex.

The "Empress of Asia" recently took over a lot of Canadian brook trout eggs to be used in stocking streams and lakes of the Tokyo Angling and Country Club, the most exclusive millionaire club in Japan, of which the late premier Kato was president.

The smuggling of aliens into America has been increasing, steadily despite greater vigilance of border patrols, until there are now 51,894 deportable aliens in jails or other institutions as public charges. The Immigration Bureau faces a probable deficit of \$350,000 at the end of the year.

An exceedingly novel method of raising funds for church work is being adopted by the vicar and wardens of the Church of St. Jude-on-the-Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb. Ten people are asked to lend, not give, £100 each for a year, free of interest. The vicar and wardens will execute a deed guaranteeing the repayment of the amount lent within that period.

Unsettled conditions in China are causing many of the mandarins and one-time wealthy Chinese to sell their jewels. Jade necklaces, rich and rare with beads perfectly graduated, are arriving in London for disposal. Six months ago very few necklaces were to be had at a higher figure than £1,000, but some of the recently arrived specimens are priced very much higher. Many of these are to be seen in Bond-street jewellers' shops.

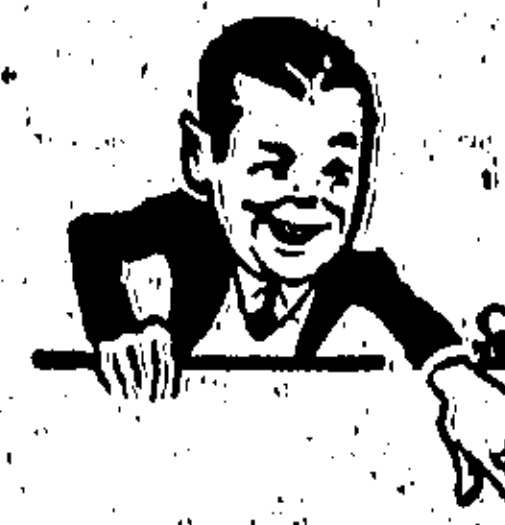
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Sir William Currie, of Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co., is shortly to give up active work in India, and his departure means a peculiar loss to the commercial and social world of Calcutta.

H.E. Chao Phya Yomavaj, Minister to the Interior, Siam, one of the makers of modern Siam, has just retired after 40 years' service. He visited Kuala Lumpur with the late King.

Mr. J. Parke, Assistant Commissioner of Police, F.M.S., has returned to Ipoh from home leave. Prior to going on leave, Mr. Parke was in charge of the Criminal Intelligence Department, Perak.

The engagement is announced between Mr. Lim Boon-swee, the only son of Mrs. Ooi Beng-heng and the late Lim Chong-koon, Treasury Cashier at Teluk Anson until 1906, and Saw Tiew, second daughter of Mrs. Tan Bu-koon. The marriage has been fixed for April 8.

Many in Singapore, and in the Telegraph Company, will be sorry to hear of the death of Mr. W. E. Gibson, engineer of the Cable Depot of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company. He retired on January 1 this year, but went home on leave last year, suffering from ill-health, which gradually increased until he passed away on March 5. Mr. Gibson must have had over thirty years' service in the Company, first as an engineer on board the cable ships and later at the Cable Depot, New Harbour. Much sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Gibson, who when she left Singapore, was not herself in good health.

Mr. J. N. Berridge, of the Penang branch of the Mercantile Bank, has been the victim of another motor-car accident, as a result of which he is now an inmate of the General Hospital. His condition is not serious, but will necessitate a few days' medical attention. It is surmised that while he was driving home in his Essex car he swerved sharply to the left to avoid knocking down a pedestrian and in doing so, collided with a lamp post. The car was badly damaged and Mr. Berridge was thrown on to the grass. Inspector Tunn, on receipt of a telephone message, proceeded to the scene and found Mr. Berridge unconscious in which state he was removed to hospital.

The Golf Club Committee has not approved of a suggestion that the Club should take out a policy against liability for accidents to players, caddies, spectators, etc.

The marriage of Miss Esther Lilian Stubbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Stubbs, to Mr. Sydney Herbert Roberts, takes place at Andrew's Cathedral Singapore, today, April 5.

The engagement is announced of Mr. R. Andres, of the Penang Municipality, to Miss Daisy Wilkinson, daughter of Madam Tan Chye Loof and sister of Mr. E. J. Wilkinson.

It is strongly rumoured at Gibraltar that H.M.S. "Hood" has been detailed to take Prince Henry to Australia to preside at the opening of the new Federal Parliament building at Canberra.

I am not elated at the position on paper, but I am satisfied that Calcutta's killed corps will give a good account of themselves in whatever job they may be called upon to do, said, Col. Craddock at the annual dinner of the Calcutta Scottish.

The recent promotion of Prince George to Lieutenant brings him upon the roster of watch-keeping officers in the China flag ship "Hawkins" as he is not a specialist. H.R.H. will, therefore, have to take his turn with his wardrobe snip-mates in "keeping the middle"—otherwise standing the cheerless watch from midnight until four o'clock. The King, who has been through the mill himself, is very strong upon the point that his sons in the Fighting Services shall take their regular turn in the routine of their rank without any distinction. The Prince will be in Malaysia until after the Easter Holidays.

All Americans and other foreigners living in England have to register themselves at police offices, and when they move their residence have to register again within twenty-four hours. Also Americans or other foreigners visiting different parts of England have to register at a police office if they stay even for a short time. It would be impossible, says a Home writer, to put up any reason nowadays for the war-time system. Before talking too badly about the New York Immigration absurdity, we might clear our parlour of this nonsense.

Dame Nellie Melba will make her farewell appearance on the operatic stage during the London Opera Syndicate's eight week's season at Covent Garden, May 10 to July 2.

Each time the Italian Premier makes an important speech before Parliament he really makes two speeches—the version heard by his auditors and another version, corrected by the Premier himself, from which the phrases held to be too strong for foreign consumption are weeded out.

Leon Trotsky has been appointed chairman of the scientific and technical collegium of the Supreme Economic Council, the highest technical executive body in Russia. He retains his other posts as chairman of the concessions committee and head of the committee for improvement of Russian products.

"An English gentleman is the American woman's ideal film hero," says Mr. J. D. Williams, of British National Pictures, who has just returned from a tour of the United States. "The American woman," said Mr. Williams to the Press, "thinks the Englishman dresses better and wears his clothes better than the American man."

We are very shortly to have a new novel by Mr. Sinclair Lewis, the author of "Martin Arrowsmith" and "Babbalanza." It will be entitled "The Job." Mr. Lewis, who has just come out of a nursing home in Kansas after a serious illness, has had a remarkable tribute paid to him. Recently the town of Kansas organised a "Sinclair Lewis Week" in his honour. All the shops displayed his books and flags containing his portrait were sold on the streets.

Following the example of the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York adopted a monogram at the British Industries Fair, at Castle Bromwich, Birmingham. He registered the letters EM/AY—the initials of his name and title. The Prince of Wales's monogram is EM/EP. The first stall the Duke of York inspected at the Fair contained a display of British-made typewriters. Remembering the comments of the King on foreign machines at the White City, the crowd laughed heartily when the Duke stopped and examined a machine on the stall.

"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

RACES IN THE RAIN.

SUDDEN TORRENT SPOILS THE SPORT.

SATURDAY'S MUDLARKING.

Spotting Winners Under Difficulties.

Even though it literally rained "cats and dogs" on Saturday, the fair-sized crowd that braved the elements to attend the Jockey Club's first extra race meeting of the season gladly entered into the spirit of things.

The sport was spoiled to a certain extent but some had a successful day as favourites came home fairly often and there was the big surprise to gladden the heart of the more ambitious punter.

With less than an hour to go before the first race was run at 2.30 p.m., the sky became overcast. To the least impatient it was abundantly evident that a torrent was coming—and it did, keeping on at intervals till the day's racing was over.

Early birds found themselves stranded, and took cover under the stands. Those who were just about to start cautiously took golfshoes, umbrellas, mackintoshes and all possible protection. They were wise. One can at Happy Valley, keep dry in rain, put on the bets, but not see the racing. In the public enclosure, the mud was more than an inch deep. Winter which encircled one's foot-wear accumulated in the open in spite of the golfshoes' strenuous efforts to sweep it away.

Members of the fair sex were content to hide their spring dresses under raincoats.

There was only one hitch to the actual racing, a favourite being left standing at the post.

The new arrangements for avoiding congestion were not really tested as there was no crush to speak of.

Each and every one of the jockeys gladly went out and mudlarked for the fun of the thing, returning soaked to the skin and caked in mud. On the course itself, puddles became miniature lakes but even the ponies were not disheartened.

The "lash sweep and part-mutuel" received patronage which did not compare unfavourably with the extra meeting of propitious weather.

Starting off with a big dividend, returns kept mostly on the small side.

Mr. R. M. Colby and Mr. W. T. Stanton had the pleasure of riding their last winning mounts and were both congratulated. Racing honours were evenly distributed but the Dunbar interests secured two rather beated firsts. In five attempts, Mr. T. W. Doyle rode two firsts and two seconds.

Mr. H. Birkett assisted Mr. H. P. White as Judge. Mr. H. C. Macnamara was starter and Mr. T. C. Beck second starter.

The 11 East Surrey Band discoursed pleasant music in the grand stand.

CASH SWEEPS.—The following are the results of the Cash Sweeps. The numbers of the winning tickets are given with the amounts of the respective prizes. Drawers of unplaced starters get \$50 in each race except where stated.

Race 1.
No. 200 \$1,264.90
" 477 361.40
" 351 180.70
Unplaced: 556, 472, 116.

Race 2.
No. 354 \$1,428.70
" 54 408.20
" 141 204.10
Unplaced: 468, 545, 302.

Race 3.
No. 426 \$1,516.90
" 455 433.40
" 155 216.70
Unplaced: 665, 113, 193.

Race 4.
No. 228 \$3,419.50
" 716 977.00
" 366 483.60
Unplaced (\$100 each): 92, 442.

Race 5.
No. 446 \$1,861.30
" 246 531.80
" 148 265.90
Unplaced: 683, 408, 126, 350, 147.

Race 6.
No. 254 \$1,778.00
" 171 508.00
" 1 254.00
Unplaced: 683, 408, 126, 350, 147.

Race 7.
No. 388 \$1,983.80
" 211 566.80
" 582 283.40
Unplaced: 199, 443.

1.—March Stakes: five furlongs. —For subscription griffins of any season that have never won an official race, whether starters or not. Weight for inches as per scale. Unplaced runners allowed 3 lbs. Jockey allowance. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize: \$400. 2nd prize: \$150. 3rd prize: \$100.

2.—Hainton Plate: "A" class handicaps: six furlongs. —For China ponies. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize: \$400. 2nd prize: \$150. 3rd prize: \$100.

3.—Polo pony steeple: three furlongs. —For bona fide polo ponies approved by the committee of the Hongkong Polo Club. To be ridden by playing members of the Hongkong Polo Club. Catchweights 168 lbs. Entrance fee \$3. 1st prize: \$200. 2nd prize: \$100. 3rd prize: \$50.

4.—Hainton Plate: "B" class handicaps: six furlongs. —For China ponies. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize: \$400. 2nd prize: \$150. 3rd prize: \$100.

5.—Canwick Maiden Plate and "Local Option" Cup: one and a quarter miles. —For China ponies. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize: cup presented by Mr. D. F. Belth with \$450 added. 2nd prize: \$200. 3rd prize: \$100.

6.—Lincolnshire Handicap and "Local Option" Cup: one and a quarter miles. —For China ponies. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize: cup presented by Mr. D. F. Belth with \$450 added. 2nd prize: \$200. 3rd prize: \$100.

7.—Canwick Maiden Plate and "Local Option" Cup: one and a quarter miles. —For China ponies. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize: cup presented by Mr. D. F. Belth with \$450 added. 2nd prize: \$200. 3rd prize: \$100.

In the rain and absence of colours, it was hard to tell the respective positions. The winner was very well ridden, being kept in a good place till asked for the effort. Shot III was on the rails but lost second place to Urgent. Mark II was a good fourth and the others were also close up.

1.—First Aggregate Stakes: one mile. —Value \$600. For all China ponies. Catchweights at 10 st. 0 lbs. Winners of an open griffin race value \$600 or over or ponies that have won the Aggregate Stakes in any season 5 lbs. extra. Non-winning subscription griffins allowed 5 lbs.

A Cup to be run for five times, or as decided by the Committee, called the Aggregate Cup, will be presented at the end of the season to be won by the pony scoring most marks in the races for the Aggregate Stakes at the extra meetings during the season, counting 4 points for a first; 2 for a second; and 1 for a third. The best fit of marks already scored to punter with this pony on a sale. Any winner of the race this season to carry 8 lbs. extra for each win in subsequent starts for the race, but in the event of a pony carrying the penalty, not winning 2 lbs. to be deductive next time he starts, such 2 lbs. to remain deducted until he wins again, when he will carry the full penalties without deduction. Penalties accumulative up to 16 lbs. In the event of two or more ponies tying with the same number of marks after five races have been run the owners shall either divide the value of the cup which is hereby placed at \$3,000, or shall run off on a day to be fixed by the Committee, not being the same day as the last race for the Stakes but within two weeks thereafter. The event of a run off the weights shall be weight for inches as per scale. Entrance fee \$5. 2nd prize: \$200. 3rd prize: \$100.

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SOCCER INTERPORT.

SHANGHAI PORTUGUESE VISIT.

AMENDED PROGRAMME.

It has been definitely decided that a replay of the soccer interport between the Portuguese of the Colony and the representative team from Shanghai will take place to-day at 4 p.m., on the Club ground.

If the weather is unsuitable the referee's decision as to the state of the ground will be final as to the replay.

The whole programme of events is therefore amended to read as follows:—

To-day.—Portuguese v. Shanghai. Wednesday, April 7.—Portuguese v. South China A.A. Friday, April 9.—Portuguese v. Rest of the Colony.

Booking arrangements (also refunds, if desired) have been advertised.

MR. J. B. ROSS.

Captain of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club in 1924, Mr. J. B. Ross, the popular manager of the local office of the Mercantile Bank of India, went home on leave on Saturday by the s.s. "Morea."

Mr. Ross is also an enthusiastic volunteer and has done much for the Scottish Co.

He will be missed by local golfers and the H.K.V.D.C. during his furlough.

Mr. L. Dunbar's Bay of Bellingham, 164 lbs. (Mr. Brodie) 1
Messrs. Hall and Stanton's The Geezer, 167 lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 2

Mr. Aitch Aitch's Polly, 150 lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 3
Also ran: Grey Streak (Mr. Colby), Blotting Paper (Mr. Reidy), Emperor, late King Emperor (Mr. Boushelli), Earley Gauss (Mr. Gordon), Craigavad (Mr. Sewell).

Time: 1.37 1/5.
1 length, 1/2 length.
Pari-mutuel:—
Winner \$8.60
Place 1st 5.50
2nd 6.40
3rd 6.50

Bay of Bellingham 452 547
The Geezer 146 203
Folly 115 193
Grey Streak 62 112
Craigavad 51 98
Blotting Paper 35 48
Earley Grass 7 28
Emperor 5 19

After several false starts, Folly led most of the way till the critical moment. Bay of Bellingham—who had got away first in the abortive attempts—ran second till the latter stages when he made his successful effort. Mr. Doyle, on The Geezer, strenuously challenged in the straight but was staved off by a length. Folly ran again and easily kept in front of Blotting Paper who finished fourth. Grey Streak ran as favourably as the others but finished poorly in the bunch.

7.—Lincolnshire Handicap and "Local Option" Cup: one and a quarter miles. —For China ponies. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize: cup presented by Mr. D. F. Belth with \$450 added. 2nd prize: \$200. 3rd prize: \$100.

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Dobbin, 153 lbs. (Mr. Brodie) 1
Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch Rannoch, 151 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 2
Messrs. Dunbar and Stanton's Tacoma, 153 lbs. (Mr. Stanton) 3
Also ran: Sunburst Rose (Mr. Seth), Saracen (Mr. Sewell).

Time: 2.47 3/5.
Many lengths, 1 length.
Pari-mutuel:—
Winner \$8.80
Place 1st 6.50
2nd 9.40
3rd 10.20

Dobbin led Saracen to make the pace for this event. Rounding the post, Dobbin had a clear lead of two lengths from Sunburst Rose. Loch Rannoch and Saracen (three running together), with Tacoma following, were well in the rear.

Whipping in. Going round the football stands, the field spread itself out. Dobbin led all the way home. Tacoma dropped far back but made up ground surprisingly to finish third. Dobbin gradually drew away and won as he liked.

In the straight, a splendid struggle was seen for second place. At the mile post, Sunburst Rose ran wide (from the rails) towards Saracen and Loch Rannoch (on the outside). Saracen was squeezed out but Loch Rannoch responded to Mr. Reidy's call and drew ahead. Sunburst Rose then gave up. Saracen beat him in an all-out finish but Tacoma had stolen up on the rails to get third money.

8.—Hainton Plate: "B" class handicaps: six furlongs. —For China ponies. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize: \$400. 2nd prize: \$150. 3rd prize: \$100.

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SOCCER IN RAIN.

PORTUGUESE INTERPORT DRAWN.

KICK AND RUSH TACTICS.

With both sides adopting kick and rush tactics on a rain flooded pitch, the Portuguese interest soccer match on Saturday could not be accepted without enthusiasm. As it was, a draw of one goal was a result which pleased nearly everybody. A replay has been arranged for to-day.

Most of the ground was under water. On the grassy (the grass being covered) surface, the Shanghai defenders played a sterling game. Otherwise, a different tale might have been told after the interval, when Hongkong had equalised.

Fuertes distinguished himself in the Hongkong vanguard.

In the first half, the Shanghai right wing broke away and Goncalves scored for Shanghai.

When ends had been changed, Hongkong got going and kept up a long attack. Silva passed to Fuertes who banged in hard.

In attempting to clear, Favacho deflected the ball out of Allanson's reach and Hongkong equalised. Subsequently Hongkong pressed as well as possible under the adverse conditions—but there was no further scoring.

Hongkong:—Fernandes; Ogley, Xavier; C. Remedios; A. A. Remedios; A. Guterres; Fuertes, Silva, Gosano (Capt.), Rocha, Brown.

Shanghai:—Allanson; Pascho, Favacho; A. Sequeira, C. Pascho, M. Sequeira; Goncalves, Favacho, Collica, Marcel (Capt.), Ribeiro.

CUE EXPERT.

BILLIARDS "PROFESSOR" COMING?

MR. CLAUD FAULKNER.

Mr. Claud Faulkner, the billiards professional may pay a visit to Hongkong in the near future and give exhibitions.

He is due at Shanghai on Wednesday by the s.s. "Empress of Australia" and the exact date of his arrival here is not yet known.

It had been hoped at one time that a match between Mr. G. Gray, the noted Australian billiard player who is at present in Hongkong, and Mr. Faulkner could be arranged in Hongkong but it seems likely that this will have to be arranged in Shanghai as Mr. Gray leaves for the North next week end.

If the present arrangements are carried through and Faulkner pays his visit to Hongkong, billiards enthusiasts should have the opportunity of witnessing some fine playing.

A Fine Record:
Faulkner is one of the fastest players in England, and holds the record in this respect, having made:
609 in 15 minutes.
625 in 25 minutes.
750 in 35 minutes.
which is excellent going, seeing that the ordinary amateur is generally satisfied if he gets through a game of 100 up in 25 minutes.

Faulkner is a great exponent of the nursery cannon game and holds the record of 210 and 195 consecutive cannons. In addition he is well able to play the red ball game and, in a recent game at Winnipeg on February 22—he made 519 off the red.

In the game, which was 800 up against a local amateur, played at the Army and Navy Veterans Club, Faulkner put up a record for Canada by making a break of 689 unfinished, of which 519 was off the red. He only went to the table four times, and his opponent scored only five.

Faulkner is a teetotaler, by the way, and it would appear thrives on it.

Faulkner has naturally undertaken the world tour with the view of benefiting financially and as it will have to be made worth his while to give displays or take part in matches here it is to be hoped that a good number of Clubs will endeavour to get into touch with him.

HOCKEY.

ENGLAND V. FRANCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Folkestone, April 3.
In a hockey match here to-day, England defeated France by nine goals to nil.

BOXING.

Buenos Aires, April 4.

In a boxing match Luis Filpo gained the decision against Emilio Sutila.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES IN THE LEAGUE.

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People and Events in the News of the World



These six members of the crew of the s.s. "Laristan," which sank during the recent Atlantic storm, were saved by the s.s. "Bremen" after a terrific battle with the waves. Fourteen others went down with the "Laristan."



STRIKER WEARS HELMET

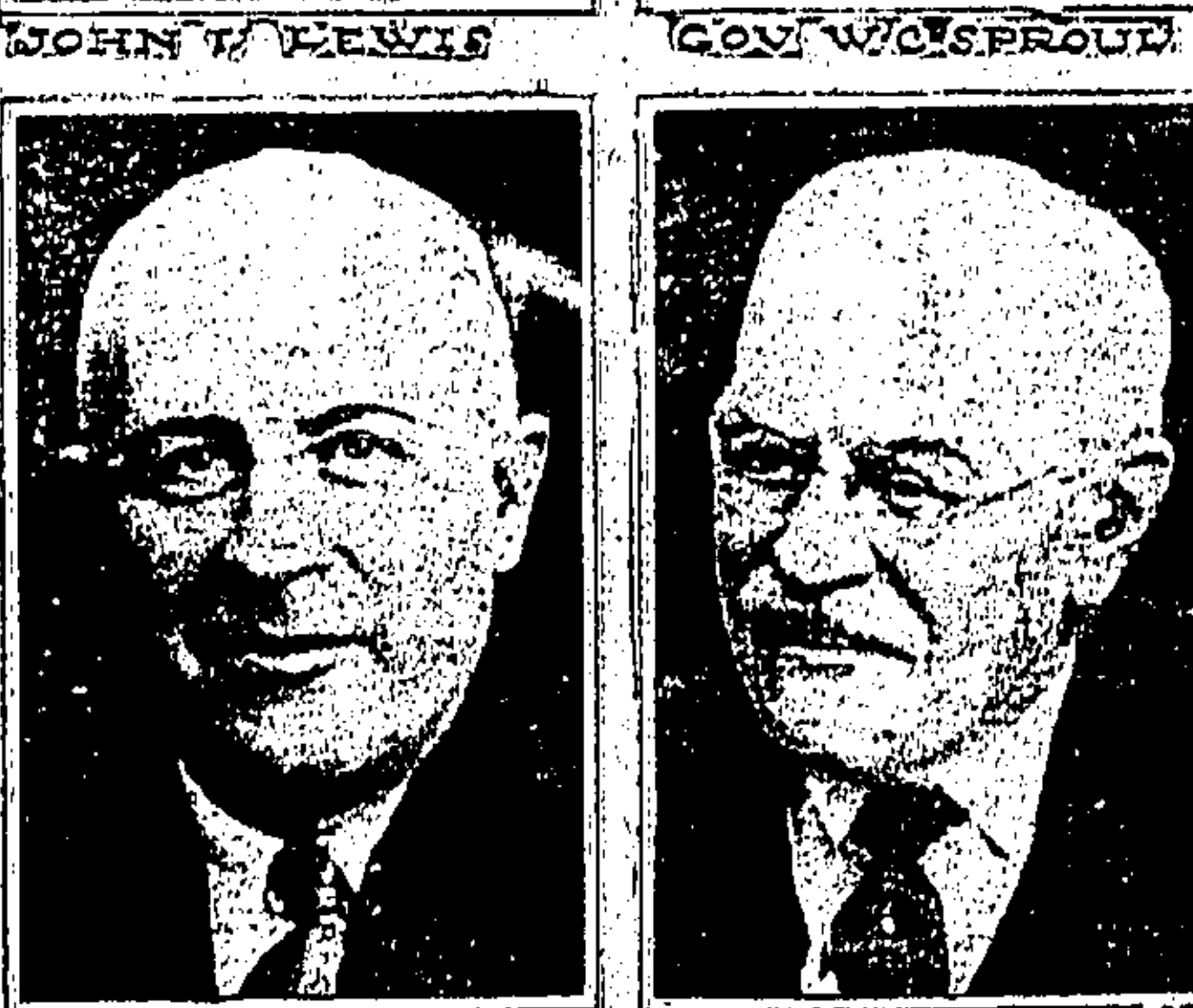
When striking textile workers of Passaic, N.J., marched to a nearby town to try to persuade other mill workers to join them, one of the strikers wore a steel trench helmet, remembering the clubbing police gave some of his companions several days before when their parade was broken up.



The Earl of Craven (centre), snapped on his arrival at New York, with his wife and (left) Reginald Jeffery, a friend.



Although Luke O'Neil, the alleged murderer of Catherine Gore, a crippled New York girl, spent several thousands of dollars on plastic surgery to change his features, he was identified by his finger prints and taken back to New York to face trial. At left, is how O'Neil looked before he "changed his face," and right, his appearance afterwards. He changed his way of combing his hair, had the contour of his nose altered and had his jaw "raised."



The American anthracite coal strike finally came to an end with the signing of a five-year agreement between operators and miners. John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, signed for the men; former Governor W. C. Sproul, of Pennsylvania, had much to do with getting the miners and operators together, while W. W. Inglis and Alvan Markle signed the agreement on behalf of the operators.



The ship's doctor of the s.s. "Berlin," with several of the crew, risked death in a small boat to go to the aid of an injured sailor on board the freighter "Hannover," off Nantucket. Arrow shows the small boat being tossed about on the high waves. The sea was so rough that the boat did not attempt to return to the "Berlin," from which this picture was taken.


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ODDS AND ENDS

Electrical Farming.

A remarkable wind-power machine, or, as its inventor, Major Bielan, a German ex-artillery officer, calls it, an "aero-dynamo," was dispatched from Berlin to London, addressed to the Board of Agriculture. The machine at a test carried out on the outskirts of Berlin seemed to prove conclusively that it is able to harness the wind for the purpose of electricity generation. Even on the days when there is apparently little wind the machine is able to utilise what there is to such a degree as to supply enough electricity to meet the needs of a large-sized farm. The "aero-dynamo" resembles a huge propeller whose wings are attached to a large mast and fixed up with an electric generator. Even on calm days it is claimed that ten kilowatts can be produced. These "aero-dynamics" are only intended for erection in country districts (says the "Daily News"), and it is claimed that the electricity generated by one such machine would be sufficient to meet not merely the domestic needs of a farm—heating and lighting—but would enable such farming operations as reaping, mowing, and threshing to be done electrically. Short-Lived Radium.

We had all heard a great deal of the enormous store of energy within the atom, but it certainly looked far from probable that it could be utilised for the near future, said Professor Barkla, Edinburgh University, in a talk on "Lessons from Radioactivity" broadcast from Edinburgh Wireless Station recently. We really could not expect in our time, he said, to have our breakfasts cooked by the heat from atomic nuclei. Professor Barkla said that the atom of radium, though so small, was an extremely complicated system which broke up and did many violent things. These substances in which the disintegration was sufficiently rapid as to be evident were called radioactive substances. Radium, though the best known of these, was not by any means the most radioactive, for when a radium atom flung off a small part, it became radium-emanation, and this radium-emanation broke up very much more rapidly than did radium. The average life of the radium atom was 2,440 years, but the average life of an atom of radium-emanation was only 5 1/2 days. The average life of each atom of radium was a very short time, compared with the age of the earth, and if, a hundred thousand years ago, the earth had been made entirely of radium, only about one-billionth part of the whole earth would still be radium. "Scotsman."

Making Ice For Skating.

Ice-making has now been brought to a fine art in Switzerland, and at all the first-class resorts, where skating is of a very high standard, none but the most immaculate ice is tolerated. To produce this considerable experience and skill are required, and to-day the profession of rink constructor is adopted by some families as others would take up building or engineering (says the London "Morning Post.") At places like St. Moritz each big hotel has its own ice master, who is in charge of a gang of from ten to twenty men. Immediately skating is finished in the afternoon a platoon is set to work to scrape and sweep the rink, after which the deliberate task of spraying is begun. This may take a few hours or it may last a whole night. Incompetent spraying will produce "ripples" and the rink is ruined, while water applied at too frequent intervals is liable to give a "patchy" surface. This is where the skill of the master comes in, and upon his decision, taken very often at two o'clock in the morning when the mercury in the thermometer is almost out of sight, depends the happiness or disappointment of hundreds of skaters.

A New X-Ray Wonder.

A new X-ray camera was on show at the last International Dental Exhibition, by which the discovery of hidden treasure, the detection of contraband, however carefully concealed, and absolutely fool-proof X-ray photography will become an easy matter. It weighs 30 pounds, is no larger than a wireless battery, and more compact and is worked by ordinary electric current (says "Reviewing.") The new X-ray camera has an enormous advantage over its cumbersome predecessors, since it can easily be taken anywhere and everywhere. Seeing through a brick wall with this apparatus is an easy operation. Thousands of secret cupboards, some containing old treasure, are known to be in existence in this country, but the utmost efforts to trace their location have been fruitless. Now, however, the X-ray can clear up the mysteries of centuries. The operator holding the apparatus will stand on one side of the wall, and on the other will be the observer, holding a fluorescent screen before which a film is placed. When the rays are projected on the wall they reveal on the film any differences in its density caused by a cavity. If coins or metal objects were hidden in it they would immediately appear on the film.

Queen Alexandra's Letters.

Although in her last few years at Sandringham the late Queen Alexandra wrote few letters except to her relations and personal friends, the massive files of her correspondence, containing many thousands of letters she received over a long period, remained at her death, and are now being carefully examined. It has been rumoured that these letters would probably form the basis of a volume, and also that a "Life" of Queen Alexandra is to be written. The publication of a volume of letters is extremely unlikely. The great bulk of the files after examination is being destroyed. Also there is no present intention of arranging for an official biography of her late Majesty, and it is considered improbable that such a course will be taken. The heavy secretarial work arising from the death of Queen Alexandra is now being done at Marlborough House, where Princess Victoria is living and will remain for an indefinite period pending the preparation of the house she has acquired in the little Buckinghamshire village of Iwer.

AN AGE OF NERVES.

The Result of Present Conditions.

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